

THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS:

The legislature of the State of Georgia enacted and the Governor signed into law on February 13, 2013, Article 6C of Chapter 8 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, known as the Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Act (the "Act"), thereby authorizing the Department of Community Health (the "Department") to assess one or more provider payments on hospitals for the purpose of obtaining federal financial participation for Medicaid; and

WHEREAS:

The State of Georgia has an interest in assessing provider payments authorized in the Act equitably in order to preserve access to health care services for all Georgia citizens and to promote the continued viability of Georgia's hospitals; and

WHEREAS:

The State of Georgia also has an interest in identifying and utilizing the most advantageous methodology available to calculate the annual Upper Payment Limit (UPL) applicable to hospital payments under federal Medicaid law; and

WHEREAS:

To promote these interests it is necessary for stakeholders to bring their considerable expertise to bear in assisting the Department in developing rules, state plan amendments and waivers to implement any provider payments assessed by the Department in accordance with the Act, and in identifying the methodology for calculating annual hospital UPL; and

WHEREAS:

The purpose of this executive order is to establish the Georgia Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Advisory Committee.

Now, therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Georgia and by Section 50-4-4 if the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, it is hereby

ORDERED:

That the Georgia Hospital Medicaid Financial Program Advisory Committee (the "Committee") is hereby created with the composition, duties, and responsibilities provided for below:

- (1) The Committee will consist of seven (7) voting members:
 - a. The Commissioner of the Department or his designee, who shall serve as chair.
 - b. The Governor shall appoint the six (6) hospital representatives from recommendations provided by Georgia's hospital associations. There shall be:

- Three (3) representing hospitals with net financial gains
 - 1. David Tatum, Vice President Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
 - 2. Steven Gautney, President/CEO Crisp Regional Hospital
 - 3. John Haulpert, President/CEO Grady Memorial Hospital
- Three (3) representing hospitals with net financial losses
 - Deb Bailey, Director of Government Affairs Northeast Georgia Medical Center
 - 2. Bob Quattrocchi, President/CEO Northside Hospital
 - 3. Doug Welch, CEO Doctors Hospital of Augusta
- (2) The Committee shall develop and recommend to the Department new and amended rules, state plan amendments and waivers for the implementation of any provider payments established pursuant to the Act.
- (3) The Committee shall develop and recommend to the Department the methodology to calculate the annual UPL applicable to hospital payments under federal Medicaid law.
- (4) The Committee shall meet at the call of the Governor, the Chair or the majority of the members.
- (5) A quorum consists of at least five (5) members and an affirmative vote of a quorum is required for approval of any recommendations or findings submitted to the Department.
- (6) The members shall serve without compensation.

This 5 day of March, 2013.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY